GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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CLOSURE OF FERRO ALLOYS AND FERRO CHROME PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Ferro Alloys and Ferro Chrome Plants in the country have either been closed or are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interest of the workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Out of 58 Ferro Alloys Units having capacity of 14,09,320 tonnes per annum, 22 Units with capacity of 4,40,838 tonnes per annum are lying closed. Thus, the closed capacity is about 31.28%. Out of 36 working Units reporting production of Ferro Alloys, 10 Units have reported production of Ferro Chrome. The total capacity of these 10 units is 3,52,000 tonnes per annum. A list of closed Units is annexed.

(c) On an estimate, about 16,500 workers have been affected due to closure of these plants.

(d) All the closed Units were in the private sector. They have been closed due to the impact of unfavourable interplay of market forces. As such, the Government has no direct role to play.

LIST OF CLOSED FERRO ALLOYS UNITS

No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Name of the Unit	Capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of workers
1	Andhra Pradesh	Jindal Strips Limited	40,000	253
2	Andhra Pradesh	VBC Ferro Alloys Ltd.	37,000	231
3	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Ferro Alloys Ltd.	5,000	75
4	Andhra Pradesh	Ferro Alloys Corpn. Ltd.	72,500	4,709
5	Chhattisgarh	Hira Ferro Alloys Ltd.(I)	16,000	380
6	Chhattisgarh	Nav Chrome Pvt. Ltd	27,500	410
7	Kerala	The Travancore Electro Chem. Industries	7,500	210
8	Kerala	The Silcal Metallurgic Ltd.	10,500	157
9	Karnataka	Dandeli Steel & Ferro Alloys	15,000	384
10	Karnataka	Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel.	15,000	350
11	Karnataka	Sandur Manganese & Iron Ore	60,000	2,000
12	Maharashtra	Bharat Pulverising Mills	300	50
13	Maharashtra	KFA Manganese (Khandewal Ferro Alloys)	53,750	3,500
14	Maharashtra	Sunbel Alloys Co.	300	50
15	Maharashtra	Universal Ferro & Allied	40,000	2,500
16	Madhya Pradesh	Jalan Ispat Casting Ltd.	10,000	200
17	Orissa	Eastern Metals & Ferro Alloys	588	150
18	Orissa	The Jaypore Sugar Co.	24,000	600
19	Orissa	Utkal Ferro Alloys Ltd.	300	50
20	Pondicherry	The Silical Metallurgic Ltd.	3,500	150
21	Tamil Nadu	The Silical Metallurgic Ltd.	1,800	75
22	West Bengal	R. Sen & Co.	300	50